

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4479
OFFERED BY MR. SABLAN OF NORTHERN
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Strike all that follows after the enacting clause, and
insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Recovery
3 Workforce Act”.

4 SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION WORKER PERMITS.

5 Section 6(d)(3) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A
6 Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant To Establish
7 a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Po-
8 litical Union with the United States of America’, and for
9 other purposes” (48 U.S.C. 1806(d)(3)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

11 “(E) TYPHOON RECOVERY.—

12 “(i) PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION
13 WORKERS.—Notwithstanding any numer-
14 ical cap set forth in subparagraph (B) for
15 each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022,
16 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
17 increase by 3,000, for each such fiscal

1 year, the total number of permits available
2 under this subsection for Construction and
3 Extraction Occupations (as defined by the
4 Department of Labor as Standard Occupa-
5 tional Classification Group 47–0000).

6 “(ii) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.—The
7 Secretary may only issue a permit made
8 available under clause (i) to a prospective
9 employer if the permit is for an alien
10 who—

11 “(I) is a national of a country
12 designated eligible to participate in
13 the program under section
14 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigra-
15 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
16 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) during cal-
17 endar year 2018; and

18 “(II) is performing service or
19 labor pursuant to a contract or sub-
20 contract for construction, repairs, ren-
21 ovations, or facility services directly
22 connected to, or associated with recov-
23 ery from a presidentially declared
24 major disaster or emergency (as those
25 terms are defined in section 102 of

1 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
2 and Emergency Assistance Act (42
3 U.S.C. 5122), or for preparation for a
4 future disaster or emergency.

5 “(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION
6 WORKERS.—Subparagraph (D)(v) shall not
7 apply to a permit made available under
8 clause (i) for any fiscal year described in
9 such clause.”.

